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SUBJECT: NATO AWACS: NOMINATION OF US CANDIDATE FOR
CHAIRMAN OF NATO AEW AND C HIGH LEVEL GROUP

1. USAF WISHES TO NOMINATE MR. JAMES E. WILLIAMS, JR.
FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN, HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON AEW
AND C. MR. WILLIAMS IS CURRENTLY DEPUTY FOR PROGRAMS
AND PRODUCTION, OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
THE AIR FORCE FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND LOGISTICS,
WITH THE GRADE OF GS-17. OSD/ISA AND STATE ENDORSE
MR. WILLIAMS' NOMINATION.

2. REQUEST US MISSION INFORM ASYG (DEFENSE SUPPORT)
WALSH OF MR. WILLIAMS' NOMINATION. NATO MISSIONS AND
THE NAPO PROGRAM MANAGER SHOULD BE INFORMED. US
NOMINATION COULD BE TRANSMITTED TO ASYG WALSH VIA
LETTER SIGNED BY APPROPRIATE MISSION OFFICER ALONG
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THESE LINES, BEGIN TEXT:

I HAVE THE PLEASURE TO INFORM YOU OF THE NOMINATION
BY MY GOVERNMENT OF MR. JAMES E. WILLIAMS, JR. FOR
THE POSITION OF CHAIRMAN, HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON AEW AND C.
MR. WILLIAMS IS CURRENTLY THE DEPUTY FOR PROGRAMS AND

PRODUCTION, OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE
AIR FORCE (RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND LOGISTICS):
A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH IS ATTACHED.

MR. WILLIAMS IS FAMILIAR WITH THE US AND NATO E-3A
PROGRAMS AND, IF ELECTED, WILL BE ABLE TO ASSUME
CHAIRMAN'S DUTIES IMMEDIATELY.

I HAVE SENT COPIES OF THIS LETTER TO ALL PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES AND TO THE NATO AEW AND C PROGRAM
MANAGER. SIGNED. (END TEXT)

3. BEGIN TEXT OF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

NAME: JAMES E. WILLIAMS, JR.

RANK: GS-17 (CIVIL SERVICE EQUIVALENT OF MAJOR GENERAL)

DATE/PLACE OF BIRTH: 23 JUNE 1927; MACON, GEORGIA, USA

FAMILY STATUS: MARRIED, FOUR CHILDREN

ADDRESS: 5625 DOVER COURT, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22312

EDUCATION: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AERONAUTICAL
-- ENGINEERING, IOWA STATE COLLEGE, 1950
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CAREER RECORD:

FEB 74 - PRESENT: DEP FOR PROGRAMS AND PRODUCTION,
-- OFFTCP OF ASST SECY OF AIR FORCE
-- (RSRCH, DEVT AND LOG.) (SAF/ALP)

OCT 72 - FEB 74: DEP FOR PRODUCTION ENGINEERING (GS-17)

DEC 65 - OCT 72: ASST DEP FOR ENGRG (MSL AND SPACE)(GS16)

JUN 63 - DEC 65: AEROSPACE ENGINEER

APR 61 - JUN 63: ADMIN OFFICER (MATERIEL) (OSAF)
-- (GS-14/15)

1954 - 1961: CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS WITH HQ USAF
-- (MAINT ENGRG)

1950 - 1954: CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS AT ROBINS AFB,
-- GEORGIA

CAREER DESCRIPTION:

MR. WILLIAMS HAS A TOTAL OF 28 YEARS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE.

IN HIS CURRENT CAPACITY, MR. WILLIAMS MONITORS THE ACQUISITION OF ALL WEAPON SYSTEMS FOR THE U.S. AIR FORCE. HE PROVIDES TECHNICAL EVALUATION AND PRODUCTION ENGINEERING ADVICE TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND LOGISTICS) AND THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PROGRAMS/ACQUISITION. HE DIRECTS SPECIAL STUDIES ON MATTERS RELATING TO WEAPON SYSTEMS PROGRAMS AND PRODUCTION.

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DURING HIS 17 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE U.S. AIR FORCE SECRETARIAT, MR. WILLIAMS HAS COMPLETED COURSES IN OPERATIONS RESEARCH, PUBLIC POLICY, AND COMPUTER ORIENTATION. HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED FOR SEVERAL DEFENSE AND AIR FORCE DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS, AND WAS PRESENTED THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT'S "EXCEPTIONAL CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD" IN AUGUST 1971. (END TEXT).

4. ON JANUARY 11, 1978, MR. WILLIAMS WAS APPOINTED SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT WITHIN THE AIR FORCE SECRETARIAT FOR THE NATO AEW AND C PROGRAM. THIS RESPONSIBILITY WILL FOCUS ON USG ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AWACS AIRBORNE SYSTEM PORTION OF THE NATO AEW AND C PROGRAM, IN ANTICIPATION OF PROGRAM GO-AHEAD. MR. WILLIAMS' ACTIVITIES WILL COMPLEMENT THE NEGOTIATING RESPONSIBILITIES OF MAJOR GENERAL BOWMAN (ISA), AND WILL PROVIDE A SOUND BACKGROUND FOR HIS DUTIES AS HLG CHAIRMAN, IF ELECTED. MR. WILLIAMS IS PLANNING TO EXTEND THE ITINERARY OF HIS FORTHCOMING EUROPEAN TRIP TO VISIT HQ NATO DURING THE 9/10 FEBRUARY PERIOD. A REQUEST FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS, TRANSPORTATION, AND APPOINTMENTS WITH NATO, US MISSION AND NAPO OFFICIALS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE MESSAGE.

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